# DURHAM COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

December 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Note Taker: Celia Jefferson

Members Present	Excused Absences	Others Present

Nancy Kent Bruce Smith, Salvation Army Gayle Harris Angela Nunn Joshua Dorsette, Salvation Army Julie Linehan Pauletta Brown Bracy Carlene Byron, Salvation Army **Donald Pinchback** Jonie Coss, CJRC Thomas H. MacRae Anna Lee Mosley **Absent** Gudrun Parmer, CJRC Johnnie W. Foster, Jr. David Addison Satara Johnson, DJJDP

William A. Marsh, III Nathan Curry Cindy Porterfield, DJJDP Karen K. Thompson Arnold Dennis
Herman Scott
Rhonda Parker

## Welcome, Announcements and Community Concerns

Angela Nunn, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm and opened with welcoming everyone and asking all to introduce themselves and share community concerns and announcements.

#### **News from DJJDP**

Brenda Howerton Keith Howard Fungai Bennett

Cindy Porterfield informed the council that the state has received one million dollars in recovery funds to help expedite the community gang assessments and evidence-based programming. She also reminded the council that any unallocated funds needs to be committed by December 31 and the JCPC program providers six months measurable report is due by the 17<sup>th</sup> of January. Cindy stated that a 5% budget cut for all JCPCs is still a possibility because the state is behind in revenue. She suggested that program providers watch their expenditures.

#### The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club

The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club is applying for Governor's Crime funds and has requested a letter of recommendation from JCPC. Staff members, Bruce Smith, Joshua Dorsette, and Carlene Byron made a presentation to the council about the integrated program they offer that reflects a wide range of recent research about how to help young people succeed. Their experience has shown them that providing positive goals that make real-world success viable is the strongest tool to prevent gang entry and to intervene with youth being recruited to gangs.

The target age is 6-15; they also keep their doors open for youth over 15. They serve the North East Central Durham area and all the public high schools. They work with drop outs, take club members to the Rescue Mission to help feed the homeless as a community service activity, help program youth solve small problems before they escalate to larger problems, send them through a major summer program, and teach them how to become better students. This year, they are sending a second child from a gang-affiliated family to college; Number three is in line. The gang-affiliated older siblings are telling their other younger siblings: "Do what they're doing!"

Bruce stated that they are good stewards of grant funds. They work very hard to make sure to follow grant rules. They come through audits very clean. See attachment for more information about the program.

### **Letters of Recommendation**

At this time the council reviewed the program's executive summary and discussed the presentation given by the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club program staff. Motion: Angela Nunn motioned that a letter of recommendation should be written for the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club.

Action: Seconded and Approved. Due to a conflict of interest, Karen K. Thompson abstained from voting.

The Ligo Dojo of Budo Karate program is also applying for Governor's Crime funds and has requested a letter of recommendation from JCPC. The council reviewed the program's executive summary. Overall the program is positive. **Motion:** Karen motioned that a letter of recommendation should be written for the Ligo Dojo of Budo Karate program. **Action:** Seconded and Approved.

### **Funding**

Rhonda Parker suggested that when the JCPC funding process starts, we should use the United Way web base as a tool for reviewing funding information about agencies through e-C Impact.

After much discussion, it was suggested that uncommitted funds that were reserved from JCPC's total allocation would be used to meet the needs of court-involved youth that are in need of Emergency Shelter & Crisis Intervention Services. Motion: Karen Thompson motioned that all uncommitted funds that were reserved from JCPC's total allocation be used to meet the needs of court involved youth. Action: Seconded and Approved.

## **JCPC Nominating Committee**

At the November meeting, Julie Linehan, JCPC Nominating Committee Chair presented a proposed Slate/Ballot for JCPC 2009-2010 Officers that included the following nominations:

Chair Angela Nunn
Vice Chair David Addison
Secretary Anna Mosley
Treasurer Karen Thompson
Parliamentarian Pauletta Bracy

Keith Howard opened the floor for any additional nominations. No additional nominations were added. <u>Motion:</u> William Marsh motioned that the above proposed officers be voted into office by acclamation. <u>Action:</u> Seconded and Approved.

#### **Minutes**

Motion: Angela motioned that minutes from November 18th be accepted as presented.

**Action:** Seconded and Approved.

#### **Success stories from the JCPC funded programs**

Celia Jefferson presented information from program providers regarding some of their clients' accomplishments. (See handouts that were distributed).

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.